

Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee



Cheri Tomlinson, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 16, 2011
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Public Health
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Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

EX Carol Williams AT Cheri Tomlinson AT Debby Elliott EX Don Welsh
EX Randall Furrow

Part A Program Staff

AT Rose Conner AT Deanna Feintuch AT Kenneth Leighton-Boster

Guests

Boni Lowney David Dube

Support Staff: John Sapero

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Cheri Tomlinson called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Determination of Quorum

Cheri Tomlinson determined that quorum was established with three of five members in attendance at approximately 5:15 pm.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes from the January 26, 2011 meeting. No corrections were voiced.

Chair update

No update was provided.

Administrative Agent update

Rose Conner discussed:

- A request to transfer funding from the Part A program to ADAP will be discussed with HRSA on February 17th, 2011
- HRSA has informed Part A grantees that they will receive a partial grant award until the federal budget is approved
- The two new primary medical care providers have been seeing an increase in the number of clients they are serving, but only a small percentage are Part A clients. This demonstrates the need in the community for additional, accessible providers.

Rose answered general questions about the number of clients served by the new providers, and the process to get end-of-year funding transfers approved.

Cheri Tomlinson asked for the AA to request a report from the Oral Health program about how the Council's service delivery changes impacted the program. Rose Conner replied that the AAs office would be working with the Oral Health program on a number of issues, and would gather information to bring back to the committee.

Review of Oral Health Services

Boni Lowney discussed that the oral health services coordinator has been able to book 170 dental appointments. A number of clients identified they did not understand the program benefits/insurance policy guidelines.

Debby Elliott related that clients were concerned about the inability to obtain affordable/free oral health care, since they cannot enroll in the Ryan White Oral Health program. There was discussion regarding the need to obtain consumer input regarding oral health services.

John Sapero related that Collaborative Research could conduct focus groups with consumers at various providers. Meeting participants provided suggestions on where to find participants.

After discussion, the committee determined the following goals/objectives for the focus groups:

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

- Is there an understanding of benefits?
- Is dental coordination needed?
- Direct service vs insurance – opinions
- Have services met needs?
- What would ideal oral health services look like?

Discussion: ADAP Assist/Impact on the Part A Program

Cheri Tomlinson discussed training on PCIP will occur on Friday, February 18th, 2011. A conference call to answer questions will occur at a later date.

Rose Conner discussed the PCIP benefits manual was available, and was being reviewed by all of the Ryan White Parts. 72 clients are in the process of being enrolled. Rose provided an overview of how clients will access services via PCIP and how copays and coinsurance will be paid. Additionally, the impact on the Part A program was being analyzed.

Debby Elliott discussed an analysis of the savings that would be realized from enrolling clients in PCIP should be conducted. Rose Conner related this was occurring.

Participants discussed issues identified with the implementation of PCIP, including information sharing, technical assistance needs, client education, etc.

Emerging Issues

AHCCCS Co-Pays

Debby Elliott discussed that people 420 people were contacted regarding the need for AHCCCS copay assistance. In December, 21 clients needed assistance; in January, 69 clients required assistance. Debby related the copays were low, and clients seemed to have been able to pick up these costs. There was no information on how many people did not fill their prescriptions.

AHCCCS Eligibility Changes

The committee reviewed information provided by AHCCCS regarding proposed changes.

Agenda items for the next meeting

- ADAP Assist discussion/PCIP
- Oral Health Services discussion
- Monitoring changes in AHCCCS eligibility

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Current events summaries

No comments were voiced.

Call to the public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.